

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-24 and 26-28 are currently pending in the application. Claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 16, 20, 25, and 27 have been cancelled.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and § 103

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15-19, 22-24 and 26-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in light of Wamprecht et al. (US Patent No. 5,214,104). Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15-19, 22-24 and 26-29 were rejected under 103(a) in light of Wamprecht et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,214,104). Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10-13, 15-19, 22-24, and 26-29 were rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wamprecht et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,214,104) in view of White (U.S. Patent No. 5,057,555) or Marion (U.S. Patent No. 4,452,948).

Of the claims rejected, claims 1 and 19 are the only independent claims of the instant application. Claims 5 and 9 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but have been considered allowable if they were rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Independent claims 1 and 19 have been amended to include all of the limitations originally defined in claim 5. Claim 5 has been duly cancelled. The compositions, coating systems and substrate now defined by the claims are not taught or suggested in the prior art cited by the Examiner. As the claims have now been amended as suggested by the Examiner, Applicant believes the rejected claims are allowable, and that all rejections should be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Office Action, claims 6-8, 16, 19-24 and 26-28 were rejected under various provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 7, 8, 16, 20 and 27 have now been cancelled rendering the applicable rejections moot. Further, claim 6 has been amended to bring it into more definite form and into conformity with the text of newly amended claim 1. The amendments made to claim 19 to traverse the rejection

under 35 USC § 102(b) and § 103 are similarly believed to traverse that rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claims 21-24, 26, and 28 have been rejected as indefinite. However, unlike other claims, the Office Action provides no explanation of the basis of the rejection. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of these claims.

The Applicants' representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-3038, referencing Order No. 00307.0044.NPUS00.

In the event that the Examiner finds any impediment to the prompt allowance of the claims which could be rectified by a telephone interview with the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to initiate such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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